

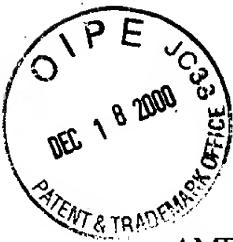
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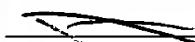
METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR IMPROVING  
 DIGESTION AND ABSORPTION IN THE SMALL  
 INTESTINE

Examiner: Tran, S.  
 Unit: 1615



AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND WITHDRAWAL  
 OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2000, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before December 8, 2000 with a request for a two (2)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks concerning elections of group and of species.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the anti-atherogenic, anti-diarrheal, digestion, dissolution and/or absorption promoting and/or gastrointestinal transit slowing composition is administered up to about 24 hours prior to the administration of the substance.